

REMARKS

Claims 10 - 12, 14, 15, and 17 - 19 have been allowed. Claim 9 has been objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but has been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(b).

In response, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 9. Claim 9 is redundant in light of this amendment and has been canceled. The remaining claims 3, 4, 6 and 8 depend from claim 1 and should be allowable in light of this amendment to claim 1.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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